



**PATENT**

**Atty. Docket No.: 2500 DIV 2 CON 2 DIV 3 CON 3  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Peter M. Bonutti

Examiner: Thaler, Michael H.

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For: **FLUID OPERATED RETRACTORS**

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[ ] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

[ ] A verified statement to establish small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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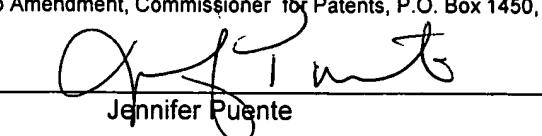
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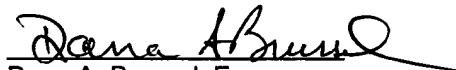
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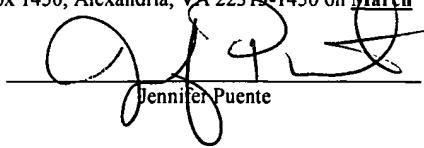
Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 18 of this paper.

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